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SUBJECT: PERUVIAN IRON SALES

1. TWO ROMANIANS REPRESENTING THE ROMANIAN EXPORT/IMPORT COMPANY (SIC) RECENTLY SPENT SEVERAL DAYS IN PERU EXPLORING THE POSSIBILITY OF PURCHASING IRON ORE FROM HIERROPERU (THE NATIONALIZED MARCONA MINE). THE ROMANIAN COMMERCIAL ATTACHE TOLD US THAT ROMANIA PLANS TO INCREASE ITS STEEL PRODUCTION FROM TEN MILLION TO EIGHTEEN MILLION TONS BY THE 1980'S AND IS SEEKING IRON ORE FROM MANY SOURCES. HE SAID THAT PERU WILL SHIP THIRTY TO THIRTY-FIVE THOUSAND TONS OF IRON ORE TO ROMANIA AT THE END OF SEPTEMBER FOR TESTING. DEPENDING ON THE RESULTS, ROMANIA MIGHT THEN ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH MINEROPERU COMMERCIAL (MINPECO) FOR SALES CONTRACTS. HE ADDED THAT THE ROMANIANS WERE MANY MONTHS AWAY FROM IMPORTING PERUVIAN IRON ORE ON A COMMERCIAL BASIS.

2. HE ASKED EMBASSY OFFICER IF THE LATTER BELIEVED THERE WOULD BE PROBLEMS IN SHIPPING THIS ORE TO ROMANIA. EMBASSY OFFICER NOTED THAT THE MATTER OF
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COMPENSATION BY THE GOP IS STILL UNRESOLVED AND THAT

HE DID NOT KNOW WHETHER MARCONA WOULD INSTITUTE LEGAL
ACTIONS IN THE COURTS OF COUNTRIES AT WHICH THE SHIP
MIGHT CALL ON ITS WAY TO ROMANIA.
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